

**Western Kentucky University
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2020
Zoom**

Introduction:

- **Members present (Substitute):** Aaron Hughey, Alison Youngblood, Allie McCreary, April Murphy, Bangbo Yan, Cheryl Stevens, Chris Groves, Colin Farrell, Dan Clark, Dawn Garrett-Wright, Dean May, Francesca Sunkin, Heather Strode, James Barker, James Gary, Janet Applin, Jarrett Johnson, Jay Gabbard, Jean Snaveley, Jeanine Huss, Jenni Teeters, Jim Lindsey, Julie Lee, Julie Shadoan, Kandy Smith, Kara Haughtigan. Kate Hudepohl (Kate Horigan), Katrina Burch, Kelly Reames, Ken Payne, Kevin Schmaltz, Laura Bohuski, Lauren Bland, Lester Archer, Liz Sturgeon, Mac McKerral, Margaret Crowder, Mariah Yates, Mark Robinson, Mary Wolinski, Matt Pruitt, Melanie Autin, Mike Kennedy, Nick Fortune, Patricia Todd, Quentin Hollis, Sara McCaslin, Sarah (Herrick) Scali, Shura Pollatsek, Stacey Forsythe, Sue Lynn McDaniel, Tony Paganelli, Travis Newton, Trish Jagers, Uta Ziegler, Shane Spiller – Regent, and Garrett Edmonds – SGA.
- **Guest Present:** Bruce Shulte, Matthew Shake, Ajay Srivastava, Amber Scott Belt, Rheanna Plemons, Bob Skipper, Dennis George, Evelyn Thrasher, Jennifer Hammonds, Kody Okert, Laura DeLancey, Susann Davis, Michael Collins, James Edmonds, Matthew Shake. Jeff Hook, Marko Dumančić, Laura McGee, and Rob Hale.
- J. Shadoan called a regular meeting of SEC to order at 3:45 pm.

Zoom meeting begins at time code 13:00

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A. Approval of November 2020 Minutes:

1. [Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes 11.19.2020](#): Clark and Sunkin; Approve as amended (45 y, 2 abs.) Motion Approved.
 - Wolinski and McCreary were present; Mac McKerral brought the resolution for Academic Search committee to the floor

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Julie Shadoan
 - Items from Curriculum and Graduate Council in November were approved.
 - Religion Observance policy was approved by Provost.
 - Other matters forwarded are all being held by Provost for consideration and further action.
 - P/D/F policy: Compromise was reached, and information released in an email.
 - Blackboard update moved to January 4th, 2021.
 - SEC authorized J. Shadoan to work with Handbook Chair to keep an official version of the handbook on a shared drive. Will maintain a version on a shared drive to be handed off to next chair and Provost will have another copy of official version. The handbook will still also be on the website as normal. Only edited version will be with Senate Chair.

2. Vice-Chair - Daniel Clark: SEC stick around for a draw for committee membership. Handbook Committee needs volunteers.
3. Secretary - Laura Bohuski

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Francesca Sunkin: (No report)
2. Budget and Finance, Guy Jordan: (No report) -- Absent
3. [Colonnade/General Education, Patricia Todd: \(Report posted\)](#)
 - Approval of report: (51 y, 0n, 0abs.) **Motion Approved.**
4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Daniel Clark (No report)
5. [Graduate Council, Aaron Hughey: \(Report posted\)](#)
 - Motion to accept report. (35 y, 0n, 0 abs) **Motion Approved.**
6. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Liz Sturgeon: \(Report posted\)](#)
 - Motion to accept report as posted: (52 y, 0 n, 0 abs) **Motion approved.**

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. Faculty Handbook, Laura DeLancey: (No report)
2. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL): (No report)
3. American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Margaret Crowder: (No report)

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller
 - BOR meeting tomorrow (December 11th) at 5pm.
 - Meet with CPE: upcoming Legislative sessions, about CPE program review—emphasis on program development, not contraction.
2. Provost, Cheryl Stevens
 - Happy Holidays
3. SGA President, Garrett Edmonds
 - Had last meeting last Tuesday; Starting Drive Safe Hilltopper Initiative.
 - C. Farrell: Question about Drive Safe Initiative.
 - Thanks for work and support on P/D/F

F. New Business:

1. [WKU Athletic Committee Fall Report](#) – reach out to Craig Martin for information about this report.
 - M. McKerral, J. Barker: Question about current budget versus proposed budgets and Athletic revenue.

2. Innovation Campus - Dr. Bruce Schulte & Jeff Hook: Presentation from (38:20—56:20)

- In line with the Strategic Plan Community Goals Strategy 5, we're changing the Center for Research & Development into the Innovative Campus.

3. [AA Policy 1.1400](#)

- Motion for approval: U. Ziegler; D. Clark.
- Policy about Definition changes. R. Plemons – Friendly amendment to 2C. “A department may consider proposing a track, concentration or specialization as a new major...”
- Motion to approve with Friendly Amendment: **Motion approved.** (46 y, 0 n, 2 abs.)
- Discussion of: wording to make the meaning of the statement clear. Could use; “may consider proposing.”; effect on current concentrations, – C. Farrell, U. Ziegler. K. Horigan, and M. Wolinski.
- R. Plemons gave backstory to this issue/policy.

4. Senate Charter Change (Faculty Handbook Committee)

- Chair position: change requirements so that not only a previous chair of Senate can chair committee.
- Committee status: Changing the committee to a standing committee.

5. Faculty not able to get into the Final Grades.

- J. Hammond: agree Final Grades should be open Monday of Finals week.

6. C. Groves: Question about tiered pay reduction reversals.

- S. Howarth is waiting until the State budget is out and our cut is known. No official decision, announcement should be forthcoming.

7. F. Sunkin: Administration Evaluation, not getting them this year or the last two years.

- P. Stevens: Likely put on hold because of change in evaluation system. Slowed down because of Covid and then also changing the cycle of evals from calendar to academic year.

8. Discussion about the classes being shortened by 5 minutes and the cleaning expectations for classrooms in i.e. Covid.

- J. Hammond, R. Hale. P. Stevens – Not likely.
- C. Farrell: Why Not—want data on why we're not giving the extra 5 minutes.

G. Old Business

1. P/D/F Grading Option, Fall 2020:

- Questions about what students can and cannot do for requesting grade changes; added burden on faculty members about systems for requesting P/D/F; reasons for grade changes.
 - M. McKerral, J. Lindsey, M. Crowder, P. Stevens, J. Barker

2. Faculty Ombudsperson(s): Action in January after break, President is in support.

3. Regent Election

- OAG Opinion re: eligibility to vote (part-time instructors)
 - This has been brought to general council and will be addressed after the break.

Adjournment: M. Yates, H. Strobe.